

**JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL FOR CONTRACTING WITHOUT
FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION**

J&A Number: 14-075

1. IDENTIFICATION OF CONTRACTING ACTIVITY: The requiring activity is the Naval Air Station (NAS), Joint Reserve Base (JRB), New Orleans. The Contracting activity is the Fleet Logistics Center Jacksonville, (FLCJ), 110 Yorktown Ave, Box 97, Jacksonville, Florida 32212-0097.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION BEING APPROVED: Request approval of J&A to solicit and award this requirement as a sole source to RCH Manufacturing, LLC, 10 Kay Larkin Circle Palatka, Florida, 32177.

3. DESCRIPTION OF SUPPLIES/SERVICES: The following parts are required:

- Donut Install Tool - DYNO Puller
Item #: RCH-MULTITOOL
- Chain Guard Support Bracket-Underside 510943-1
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- Chain Guard Support Bracket-Underside 510942-1
Item #: 510942-1
- E-28 Fluid Storage Tank With Large Opening And Base
Item #: 626147-1
- Special Tool-Tape Drum Pin Puller.
Item #: RCH-PINPULLER
- Completely Rebuilt E-28 Clutch Assembly And Torque Converter
Item #: RCH510452-2
- E-28 Absorber Packing Gland Nut Monster Wrench
Item #: RCHBBMW-1
- E-28 Control Box With Cables, Gages And Wiring Harness
Item #: RCH613486-1ASSY
- Pipe For Pretension Warning Light
Item #: 613482-10
- Set Of Heavy Duty Battery Cables
Item #: RCHBATCAB-2
- E-28 Pretension Warning System Limit Switch Wiring Harness
Item #: RCHTLC-5
- E-28 Engine Cage Or Cover Assembly
Item #: RCH622058-1

These parts and tools will be used for the equipment replacement and overhaul of E-28 shorebased arresting gear installed at NAS JRB New Orleans. Shorebased arresting gear is essential to Safety of Flight for assigned squadrons and detachments conducting workups for world-wide deployment. The overhaul action was initiated by the Commander, Naval Region Southeast, Air Operations Officer during a Regional Operations Assist and Assessment Inspection. The new equipment and tools requested are anticipated to reduce maintenance hours and associated airfield closure hours by 50%.

The estimated dollar value is \$186,301.95. FY14 funds shall be used for this procurement and are available.

4. STATUTORY AUTHORITY PERMITTING SOLE SOURCE: The statutory authority permitting other than full and open competition is FAR Part 6.302-1, "Only One Responsible Source and No Other Supplies or Services Will Satisfy Agency Requirements".

5. RATIONALE JUSTIFYING USE OF CITED STATUTORY AUTHORITY: The parts listed above are required to replace original equipment manufacturer (OEM) parts previously obtained through the Navy Stock System. However, these parts are no longer available through the Navy Stock System. Based on our market research the only manufacturer and supplier of these parts is RCH Manufacturing. The equipment and tools provided by RCH Manufacturing are specifically designed for E-28 shorebased arresting gear and are designed to exact specifications.

6. DESCRIPTION OF EFFORTS MADE TO SOLICIT OFFERS FROM AS MANY OFFERORS AS PRACTICABLE: At the present time, our market research indicates that RCH Manufacturing is the only source of supply at this time available in the marketplace. However, we will continue to investigate and evaluate new entrants in the marketplace for future procurements.

7. DETERMINATION OF FAIR AND REASONABLE COST: The contracting officer will determine the quoted price of RCH Manufacturing fair and reasonable prior to award.

8. ACTIONS TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO FUTURE COMPETITION: As noted in Para 6 we will continue to perform market research and attempt to find other competitors who can supply the equipment and parts for EA-28 Arresting Systems.

9. CONTRACTING POINT OF CONTACT: The Fleet Logistics Center Jacksonville, (FLCJ), Jacksonville, Florida, point of contact is Contract Specialist, Mr Clay Welker, clay.welker@navy.mil or by phone 904 542-1063.